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RIFLE MEETING.

DETAILED VOLUNTEER RESULTS.

GOOD SHOOTING.

Increased Entries In Most Competitions.

Below are given more detailed results of the Rifle Meeting of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, held on Sunday and yesterday.

Considerably more interest was taken in the various competitions this year, there being 17 entries for the Blake Shield (as against 7 last year); 18 for the Francis Cup (as against 6 last year); 19 teams for the Jar Competition (as against 8 last year); 19 for the Tile Competition (as against 7 last year), and increased entries for the Attack Competition, Machine Gun Competition and Lewis Gun Competition.

The competitions were first under bad conditions on the first day, there being a heavy wind and poor light.

Conditions were good on the morning of the second day but during the afternoon there was slight rain at intervals.

Corps Sgt. Maj. Westlake is to be congratulated on carrying off both individual events: No. 6 Platoon who did excellently in the team shoots; Sgt. Tugwell, who got the "possible" in the open revolver competition, with a very well grouped target, the five shots almost touching.

The organisation of the rifle meeting entails a great deal of hard work and the thanks of the Corps are due to Insp. Pith who for many years has been responsible for the arrangements which were again excellent. He was assisted by C.O.M.S. E. G. Stewart.

Detailed results for Sunday:—

Blake Shield.
Presented by the late Sir Henry Blake and open to teams from all Units of the Corps.—Standard test, Territorial Army Corps. Position at all ranges, lying, 25 rounds. Memento for each member of winning team.

Won by No. 6 Platoon 'A' Team with 231 points (Cpl. F. C. Goodman 84, L. Cpl. Cuthill 79, Pte. G. Duncan 70, Pte. H. Duncan 66).

2nd Reserve Coy 'A' team 228.
Last year won by Engineer Coy.

Individual Prize for highest score again won by Cpl. F. C. Goodman 84. 2nd, Pte. D. Reid (Reserve Coy) and Spr. E. Dovey (Engineers) 81.

Francis Cup.
Presented by the late Mr. J. J. Francis. Open to teams from all units, also standard test, Territorial Army Rifle Course. 20 rounds. Position at all ranges, lying. Prizes for members of winning team.

Won by No. 6 Platoon 'A' Team with 231 points (Cpl. F. C. Goodman 84, L. Cpl. Cuthill 79, Pte. G. Duncan 70, Pte. H. Duncan 66).

2nd Reserve Coy 'A' team 228.
Last year won by Engineer Coy.

Jar Competition.
Range, 200 yards. Nine Jars filled with water and painted white, 3 teams to fire at one time. Time—3 minutes per team.

Won by No. 1 Platoon (Cpl. A. C. I. Bowker, Cpl. L. P. Ralph, L. Cpl. Jarvis, Pte. Goodfellow)—8 jars out of 9.

Last year, No. 5 Platoon—7 jars.

Tile Competition.
Range 200 yards. Rounds, unlimited. Time limit—2 minutes. One prize each member of winning team.

Won by No. 6 Platoon 'A' Team (Cpl. F. C. Goodman, L. Cpl. Cuthill, Pte. G. Duncan, Pte. H. Duncan) 16 out of 21.

Last year No. 1 Platoon—13 tiles.

Reserve Challenge Cup.
Open to No. 9 Platoon. 10 rounds at 200 yards at 6 tiles. Time—one minute.

Won by Sgt. G. E. Falkner—4 tiles.

MERCHANTS MOVE.

BOYCOTT SETTLEMENT RUMOUR.

TO ADVISE DELEGATES.

There being no steamer down from Canton on Mondays, and in the absence of other means of communication, there is little fresh to report from Canton.

A private letter received yesterday hints that Canton's four Chambers of Commerce are being asked by merchants to nominate a representative to "advise" and delegates that may be appointed to negotiate a settlement of the boycott. The letter does not say who the delegates are, nor whether they are likely to be officials of the Canton Government.

YACHT CAPSIZED.

EUROPEANS THROWN INTO THE WATER.

RESCUED BY JUNK.

Four Europeans had an unpleasant experience in a small yacht belonging to Mr. D. H. Ellis, of the Kowloon Dockyard Police, when the boat capsized on Sunday morning about 300 yards from the pier at Stonecutter Island.

A passing junk picked up the Europeans and landed them on the shore.

MR. W. T. SOUTHERN.

NEW COLONIAL SECRETARY COMING.

Mr. W. T. Southern, the new Colonial Secretary for Hongkong, is leaving Colombo on April 17, by the P. and O. s.s. "Khyber" to take up his appointment.

Friends of Capt. and Mrs. R. D. Thomas will be interested to know that their eldest daughter Florence Nina was married to Mr. C. Kenneth Smullen at St. James the Apostle Montreal on February 15.

Monday's results follow:—

Musket Competition.

Individual—Territorial Army Rifle Course. Rounds, 20. Again won by Corps Sgt. Maj. H. Westlake (66).

2nd Pte. D. Reid (Reserve) (64).
Last year, won by Corp. Sgt. Maj. H. Westlake (68).

Corps Championship.

100 Yards Grouping, 5 Rounds. 200 Yards Application, 7 Rounds. 300 Yards Rapid, 15 Rounds. Rifle loaded with 5 rounds. Time—one minute. Target 6 ft. Scoring—4, 3, 2, 1. 500 Yards Application, 7 Rounds.

The Winner holds the Corps Championship Bowl for one year and is given a replica of it.

Won by Corps Sgt. Maj. H. Westlake (124). 2nd, Pte. D. Reid (Reserve Company) (116). 3rd, Cpl. Stephens (Engineer Company) (116).

Last year Spr. G. Maskell (112).

Tyro Competition.

Open to any member of the Corps not scoring over 65 in Part II of Musket Course.

Shot concurrently with the Corps Championship, and under the same conditions.

Won by 2nd Lt. E. J. R. Mitchell (93 points).

2nd, Pte. W. L. Groves (No. 8 Platoon) 92 points.

Revolver Competition.

For Volunteers Only.—Range—20 yards. 5 shots de-

liberate (3 Right hand and 2 Left hand). Time allowed 2 minutes.

Position Standing.

Bi-ley Targets and scoring.

Won by Spr. E. R. Dovey (again) with 21.

IN THE DARK.

STEAMER AND JUNK IN A COLLISION.

FISHING BOAT'S FATE.

With its stern high up, and after a rope (with which it had been towed) had snapped, a local fishing boat drifted ashore as the result of a collision with a steamer which was leaving Hongkong harbour.

The boat was on its way from Cheung Chau Island to the fishing grounds. In the small hours of Sunday morning (April 4), it was involved in a collision with the s.s. "Po Shan," when Lin Tin Island.

The crew (including women and children) of nearly twenty clambered to the stern when the bow made water and were hauled over the steamer's side to safety. A sailor was badly knocked about in the face through a violent bump but there was no casualty.

The sinking boat was secured by a rope but the rope snapped and the junk ultimately drifted ashore. The crew were put off at Cheung Chau where a report was made.

SEEKING HIRE.

MOTOR CARS AT THE COURTS.

Before Mr. R. E. Bindell at the Central Magistracy this morning, a Chinese was charged on two counts of using a private motor car for public hire and reckless driving.

It was stated in evidence that the defendant touted for fare among the people going to worship at the tombs in the cemetery at Pokfulam and had succeeded in a bargain with a Singapore trader and another to bring them to town for \$3. He was observed by a traffic officer to be coming down the road at an estimated speed of 30 miles an hour.

Defendant denied that he was touting and said he took the passengers for no other reason than that he wished to earn a little, although they were not his friends. A fine of \$25 on each count was imposed.

A Serious Offence.

In another case before Major C. Wilson, a Chinese was charged with transferring his driver's licence to another. The latter stated that he met the defendant and asked him to teach him to drive. Defendant demanded a sum of \$100 for instruction and he was paid \$30. The licence then changed hands.

Remarking that it was a serious offence, the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$50, or one month's hard labour.

European's Lapse.

Charged on two counts of failing to renew his driver's licence and also his motor car licence, Mr. W. E. Clark tendered a plea of guilty at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning and asked for leniency on the ground that he had forgotten to renew owing to the strike troubles.

The Magistrate (Mr. J. H. B. Nicholl) ordered nominal fines of \$5 and \$10 respectively on the two charges.

HARBOUR OFFENCES.

Small fines were imposed at the Marine Court this morning, as follows:—

Three licensed hawkers, \$10 each, for being on the "Tijbodas" without permission.

Master of an oyster boat \$15 in all, on four charges of being without lights, unlicensed, failing to report on arrival, and to obtain permit for clearance.

Two boatmasters and a boat-mistress, \$3 each, for lying in-shore at night.

RAINFALL FIGURES.

Last month's rainfall (registered at the Botanical Gardens) was 5.08 inches.

There were 15 wet days. The biggest on any one day was 1.52 inches on the 18th. More than half an inch fell on the 21st, 22nd, and 28th.

The annual general meeting of the Society of St. George will be held in the City Hall at 5.30 p.m. next Friday.

The Hongkong Branch of the Marine Engineers' Guild will hold a general meeting at the Officers' Mess, West Point at 8 p.m. on Thursday.

A VALLEY FLAT.

WAS TENANCY ENTERED INTO?

SUMMARY COURT CASE.

Argument centred round an alleged verbal agreement on the part of defendant to take over a flat from February 1 at the Summary Court Court this morning.

Plaintiff was Mr. J. Brook, of the Vacuum Oil Company, and defendant, Mr. H. K. Lee, of Lee and Russ.

The flat in question was at Morrison Hill Road and the claim of Mr. Brook was for \$200 (\$100 for a month's rent and \$100 in lieu of notice).

Mr. Brook stated in evidence that he communicated with defendant as a result of an advertisement and together they made an inspection of the flat which was on the top floor, plaintiff having taken over the others for his own occupation. Defendant expressed himself as satisfied, stated plaintiff. The rooms were unfurnished but had recently been repaired and redecorated. The agreement was that defendant was to come in on February 1.

As the defendant did not put in an appearance, plaintiff communicated with him and later saw him at the office of Lee and Russ. Defendant stated that he was willing to take the premises but could not do so at once. He offered to go in on February 20, and pay one third of the rent for the month. This did not suit witness and the premises remained unoccupied for the rest of the month. Another tenant was now in occupation.

Cross-examined by Mr. Russ, plaintiff admitted that defendant had never gone into occupation.

Mr. Russ: I suggest that what really happened was that defendant stated if the house was properly furnished he would be prepared to take it.

Mr. Brook: That is not so. Plaintiff also denied that he had ever told Mr. Lee that he could not have the flat.

Mrs. Arnold, 7, Middle Road, Kowloon, was called in evidence on behalf of plaintiff. She stated that she was in touch with the defendant for the letting to him of a flat but on January 19, he told her over the telephone that he had taken a flat at Happy Valley.

Mr. Russ held that this was not evidence that the flat in question was the one at Morrison Hill Road. He held that an alleged telephonic communication was not evidence.

His Honour held that it had an important bearing on the case.

After considerable legal argument as to whether a lease had been constituted, His Honour reserved judgment.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong was for plaintiff and Mr. C. A. S. Russ for defendant.

DOG BITES.

Three cases of dog bites are reported to have occurred yesterday, the animals being seized and sent to Kennedy Town for observation.

A Chinese woman was treated at the Government Civil Hospital for a bite from a black chow dog, said to belong to Mr. E. Cunningham, of Robinson Road.

An amah employed at a house in Castle Road was bitten by a mongrel owned by a Chinese living at Woodland Terrace.

In the last case the dog was owned by a Chinese at Kowloon City and attacked a man from Tsau village for which he was treated at the Kowloon Hospital.

COLONY'S HEALTH.

During the five days ended yesterday, the following notifiable diseases were reported:—

Small pox, two (one imported); enteric fever, two; cerebro-spinal fever, one. All the patients were Chinese.

A Chinese was found dead by hanging from a scaffolding in a lane near No. 145, Queen's Road West, yesterday. The case is believed to be one of suicide.

For resisting arrest by an Indian constable for stealing firewood at Portland Street, Yau-mat, a Chinese woman was shot in the leg and is now at the Government Civil Hospital.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/3 1/2.

JUNK ASHORE.

VESSEL AND OCCUPANTS RESCUED.

POLICE RESPONSE.

The trials of a trading junk in squally weather were related in a report made by the master after the vessel and the occupants were saved by a police launch.

Leaving Swatow on March 28 with 26 Chinese passengers on board, the vessel encountered a strong wind, nearing Hongkong some days later. In an attempt to anchor off Green Island, the junk was driven ashore. An Indian guard on Stonecutter Island observed the plight of the junk people and signalled for assistance by letting off a rocket.

This signal drew a police launch to the scene and the junk was towed to Hongkong.

The incident was not attended with any casualties.

ACTIVE MARKET.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF LOCAL SHARES.

Messrs. Moxon and Taylor's Weekly Share Report dated April 1 states:—

We have again had an active market during the week under review and considerable quantities of shares changed hands for cash with a few transactions for May and June.

Shanghai market is also firmer with some enquiries.

The following are the principal alterations since last week:—

Banks.—A considerable number of shares changed hands during the week at \$1,055/1,057 1/2.

Unions.—After easing off are again wanted closing with buyers at \$28 1/2 without attracting sellers.

Canton Insurances & Hongkong Fires.—Are wanted at quotations.

Hotels.—Have been a strong market and were done as high as \$10.60, closing with buyers at \$10 1/4.

Electricity.—Have also been a strong market and were done as high as \$65, but at the close were slightly easier with small sellers at \$64 1/2.

Trams.—Have also been a strong market and have come to business at \$25 1/4.

China Sugars.—Are easier, and have been done at \$24.

China Lights.—Are firmer and are wanted at \$21 for the Combined shares.

Steamboats.—After coming to business at \$25 close with buyers at \$24 1/2.

Lands.—Have been a strong market at rising prices, and have been done as high as \$67 1/2.

Humphreys.—Are wanted at \$14 1/2 but few if any shares offering.

Cements.—Have been a strong market and have come to business at \$16 1/4 for Cash and \$17 1/2 June, but at the close are slightly easier.

Wharves.—Have also firmed up and are wanted at \$131.

Hongkong Docks.—Have again been done at \$60.

Star Ferries.—Firmed up during the week to \$64 closing with buyers at \$68 without attracting sellers.

Dairy Farms.—Have been more or less neglected.

London Quotations of to-day's date:—Banks \$124.10s. Indos Deferred \$5.10s. Shells \$4.10s. All middle prices.

Exchange.—Demand rate on London is 2/3, 5/16, and T/T on Shanghai is 1/15, 76%.

A Chinese woman who attempted to commit suicide, yesterday by swallowing opium, was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

A G. James, a Sinhalese, seller of cinnamon oil, was fined \$5 at the Magistracy this morning for hawking without a permit at Wellington Street.

A Chinese had to be shot in the leg for attempting to gain possession of a district watchman's revolver during an arrest for possession of wood. The case was mentioned at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when it was remanded for one week, as the injured man was in hospital.

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HONGKONG.

MAFIA IN SICILY.

WHOLESALE RAIDS.

MANY LEADERS ARRESTED.

The Sicilian Mafia, which for years terrorised this fair island, has during the last three months practically ceased to exist, says the "Daily Telegraph" of February 20. The romantic organisation, which sprung up in the 'sixties to protect the poor and deal rough justice in a disorganised land, and which degenerated into a band of common thieves and murderers, has found its match in the Fascists, who have at last accomplished a task often attempted by other Governments of Italy. More than 200 Mafia leaders are at the moment in prison, facing charges which range from house-breaking to murder. The rank and file are scattered, and the task of complete disbandment is nearly at an end.

The Mafia, organised after the first War of Independence by the returning Garibaldians, had the highest ideals. The soldiers who had fought for Italian liberty returned to their homes to find their country demoralised and the weak oppressed. They organised secret bands, which took justice into their own hands, and swore protection of the poor and friendless. But with the years the Mafia degenerated into the most notorious band of murderers and thieves in the world. Four of the fittest provinces in Sicily—Trapani, Palermo, Girgenti, and Caltanissetta—suffered under the scourge. The bands waged war on rich and poor alike, even fighting among themselves when profit offered.

Following the seizure of land in 1920, Signor Giolitti attempted to wipe out the bandits, but he failed utterly, chiefly because he sent a boy to do a man's job. The little group of agents employed by the police either turned Mafiaists or were driven out of the country. When Fascism came into power one of the first tasks undertaken was to stamp out the robber and murder bands. But political influences were too strong, and Fascism was not yet so secure as it later became. The first attempt failed.

Fascism's Big Effort.

Last summer, when Fascism had established itself as the only power in Italy, and when the Opposition was wrecked, Signor Mussolini again undertook the task. This time there were no mistakes made. Sufficient funds were provided to enable an army of agents to be employed. The Prefect of Palermo, Signor Mori, was given the fullest powers, with responsibility only to the Chief of the Government.

The campaign was carefully planned and carried out. Secret agents were sent among the Mafia, lived with the leaders, joined the bands. It was not until the end of December that the Government had the names of all the important leaders in the movement. Then the fun began. A fleet of fast motor vehicles supplied by the Prefect began night raids. Villages after villages were surprised at night, leaders were arrested and taken to prison. The villages were isolated from neighbouring towns in order to prevent the news getting out. The following night another village would be surrounded. Sometimes it was possible to make raids on several between darkness and dawn. For instance, on the night of January 17 more than seventy leaders were arrested. The hill towns at the back of Palermo were the first to feel the iron hand of Prefect Mori. Then the raids extended into other provinces.

To-day the power of the Mafia is utterly broken. The final dissolution of this once-powerful secret society is only a matter of days. Until then the agents charged with the work maintain the most discreet silence. When the last leader has been arrested the police promise to "talk." Strange will be the tales they will tell of fights in the darkness. One has already leaked out showing how the agents work.

A little Mafia band had determined to raid the property of a big estate owner at the back of Palermo and steal the whole herd of cattle. The thirteen years old son of the owner was secreted in the manger of a cattle shed where the band met. He tried to get away to warn his father, but was recognised and killed. The father, who had influence with another Mafia band, arranged for the murder of those who had slaughtered his boy. In both these groups the Government had agents. A battle royal between the two groups was stopped when the police surprised them, arrested several, and put the rest to flight.

The list of murders which have never been cleared up in the province of Palermo is large. Witnesses who do not fear the power of the Mafia are coming forward to testify against the leaders who are already in prison, and by so doing are solving crimes in some cases twenty years old. The guilty will probably get life sentences in the penal colonies in the Islands of Lampedusa, Tremi, and Ustica. Others against whom only robbery and theft charges can be proved

WON AND LOST.

EMIGRANT AND A LOTTERY FORTUNE.

Belgrade, March 7.

Vassili Murtchenko, a Russian emigrant, virtually penniless, sought in vain to obtain employment as a waiter in cabarets, restaurants and hotels in the town. After persistent failure, despite a week's searching inquiry, in a mood of desperate frivolity he invested the tiny sum left in his possession in a lottery and disappeared from Belgrade. Vassili Murtchenko's number, however, by a strange turn of fortune, won the biggest prize in the lottery. The authorities organised a search for the missing winner. After a month's efforts they succeeded in locating Vassili Murtchenko working as a waiter in the village Sarjetchar quite unconscious of the luck that had befallen him. He was agreeably surprised to learn of his good fortune. He received his winnings, which amounted to 100,000 dinars (about £4,000) with unconcealed delight.

Bent on vengeance Vassili Murtchenko armed with his fortune returned to Belgrade and became a constant visitor at the most elegant establishments where a few months previously he had been refused employment as a waiter. Instead of the approved Balkan method of revenge, where bombs, revolvers and daggers are employed Vassili Murtchenko flaunted his wealth in the face of the astonished proprietors. He would order his table to be heaped with champagne and decorated the instruments of the kypsy violinists' orchestras with hundred dollar notes. He entertained public dances most lavishly and tossed tips to proprietors with an air of careless extravagance. After three days of this sort of gentlemen's revenge Vassili Murtchenko returned to his old job at Sarjetchar, once more a penniless waiter.

DIVORCE NOT EASY.

SO-CALLED "MILL" NOT WORKING OVERTIME.

That famous "divorce mill" of Paris has not been working overtime after all, at least in the year 1925, according to statistics gathered by the Ministry of Justice. Prominence has been given to the divorces granted by the Paris courts simply because the parties concerned belonged to very wealthy families, lawyers assert. The official spokesmen point out that, although 49,414 Americans obtained identity cards in Paris in 1925, only 120 divorces between American citizens were pronounced.

The proportion of divorces between French citizens is much greater. This is given as proof that it is not luxury of procedure which induces Americans to come for the purpose of having their marriages dissolved but rather the rapidity and secrecy of the divorce proceedings in the Paris courts. The secrecy was especially evidenced in the case of the Valentine divorce, even the officials of the courts being unaware when the divorce of Monsieur and Madame Guglielmi was pronounced, that one of the parties was the famous film actor.

Frederic Allain, a Paris lawyer who has had long experience in legal tangles interesting Americans, explained that in reality it is no easier for an American to obtain a divorce in Paris than it would be in the State from which he or she comes. The reason for the divorce must be one justified by the legislation of that State. Thus a person from the State of New York seeking a divorce in Paris must prove infidelity. Persons from American States which do not permit divorce cannot obtain one here.

"What is important here," he added, "is that the law of 1820 forbids the newspapers to give details of the case. The conditions to be fulfilled by persons seeking a divorce are strict. They must be residents of Paris, although the law does not specify for how long a period. Both parties must accept the competence of the French courts. Thus, there cannot be forced consent on the part of husband or wife. The move invoked by the person bringing the suit must be one which is valid in the State where in he or she habitually resides or in which the marriage was celebrated."

"There are two sides to every question." "Yes, and there are two sides to a sheet of fly-paper, but it makes a big difference to the fly which side he chooses."

will be sent to the same penal colonies for periods varying from one year to twenty years.

WEEK-ENDS.

HOW THEY ARE MIS-SPENT.

Most of us hate starting work again on Monday morning, says "A Physician" in the "Daily Mail." We get out of bed with a groan. Breakfast is scant and hurried. If we are ever late at the office it is sure to be on Monday, and we begin the day with a firm belief that work is a curse instead of a blessing.

This dislike of Monday morning is not merely a feeling of revolt against the abrupt change from play to work. It is a symptom that we are not, for the time being, in a wholly fit state of health.

The lack of vital force, so often felt on Monday morning results from a wrong method of spending the week-end. During the first half-day we give our muscles an excess of work at some outdoor sport—golf, riding, hockey, or football. On Sunday, being tired from the previous day's toil, we have a long morning in bed, indulge in heavy meals, and stay indoors to rest.

The Thing To Do.

This is not the way to get the best out of a well-earned weekly rest. It is not in accord with the laws of hygiene or the dictates of common sense. After such a programme Monday morning finds us with weary muscles, a torpid liver, impure blood, and a clouded brain.

In order to keep fit in body and mind for the duties of the week we should do no work on Sunday, take light diet, and enjoy complete mental repose. It is a day for "fresh air, meagre fare, and freedom from care." Health demands that the muscles of the body be used daily, not over-stimmed by one severe outburst of action at the end of the week.

A large part of each twenty-four hours should be passed in the open air. Diet must suit the kind of work we do. Muscle-workers require flesh food. Brain-workers think better without it. He who works hard will eat more than he who labours not at all. The common saying that we should "rise from a meal with good appetite is true to science."

The cure for Monday morning and hump-day lies in our own hands. It is not magic.

COUNTRY FIRE.

LORD CHURSTON'S SEAT DESTROYED.

London, March 9.
The long list of country house fires was added to last night when Lipton House, Churston, Lord Churston's picturesque Devonshire residence, was completely destroyed.

The alarm was given at midnight by a village constable who noticed flames issuing from the house. From the outbreak attempts to save the house were fruitless. The flames were fanned by a strong westerly wind and spread rapidly. The house was doomed by the time the Paignton, Brixton and Torquay fire brigades arrived.

The Estate Steward heroically saved many valuable paintings and quantities of furniture. The cause of the outbreak is a mystery.

The burglar had served his sentence and was being discharged from prison. The Governor gave him a long sermon on the need to mend his ways and finally dismissed him. But the discharged convict still remained. "What are you waiting for?" asked the governor. "My tools!"



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SOVIET AND JAPAN.

MANCHURIA AS FUTURE BATTLEFIELD.

In the early period of her revolution, when Russia was encircled by a cordon of the entente, the Soviet leaders were used to say that nothing would strengthen their position so effectively as foreign interference. They ought to realise that the same truth applies to other countries also. Red propaganda has failed in the West. It has only strengthened reactionary hands and stifled liberalism.

Seeing that the West is invulnerable, the Soviet leaders shifted their campaign to the East, where there is no condition for the growth of Marxian Communism. China is particularly immune to it, and the first crude attempt made by M. Joffe failed as it should. He came and went, leaving no trace behind him except in Canton where ground was prepared by the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen. There's a Soviet form of government came to be grafted on the intense anti-British tradition. In Canton Russia was fortunate in having no imperialistic interest of her own against which her own propaganda might veer.

MR. KARAKHAN'S GAME.

In North China Mr. Karakhan adopted a more ingenious tactic. He went back to the patent policy of playing China's internal politics and hoped to engineer a Soviet revolution through it. He found a ready-made tool in Feng Yu-hsiang. Other Powers had enough experience of riding the wrong horse, that is a Chinese militarist. No other Power would think to-day of supplying any militarist with arms, ammunition and technical advisers for his futile game. But the Soviet is a newcomer to the scene and Japan, that once made the same mistake, cannot blame Mr. Karakhan for thinking that he is riding the right horse, especially as it was dressed in a new popular style. The traitorous figure of Feng Yu-hsiang masqueraded as a pacifist and hero for Chinese nationalism. It is rather surprising that so astute a diplomat as Mr. Karakhan should not have realised that China is past master in the art of setting one foreign Power against another, and the same weapon that is applied against one foreign Power to-day will be turned to-morrow against the instigator. The net result of Mr. Karakhan's activity in China has been wakening reaction against Russia.

In Japan, Soviet propaganda created a reaction before it was tried. Here Communists who were quite active and enjoying some degree of freedom before Russia's advent in Far Eastern politics are now completely suppressed. The suppression was almost spontaneous and the public sentiment against the Red menace has been so universal that Communists themselves are disillusioned. That is not to say that Japan is reactionary. Her political and economic process of transformation from centralisation to decentralisation is in progress. That change is determined by Japan's own inherent conditions. Russian influence has nothing to do with it, except that in a certain emergency it might retard and arrest this natural development.

MANCHURIA.

That emergency may arise in Manchuria. It has arisen to an extent in Kuo Sung-lin's rebellion, which has quite perceptibly stiffened the foreign policy of the country. And the main cause is Russia. Kuo's rebellion might have essentially been China's internal strife as Japan's Foreign Office evidently believed it to be. But that is not the impression that abides in the heart of this nation. The indelible impression made on us is the Seiyukai agitation that Russia was at the back of it all and that we will have sooner or later to deal with Russia imperialism. Rightly or wrongly, this feeling has brought to the focus of Japan's national attention the Manchuria problem that has been left almost forgotten for the past ten years.

Since the time of the Hara Ministry the South Manchuria Railway interest has been important in Japan's politics chiefly as an object of spoil for party politics. The value of Manchuria as the first line of defence of this Empire was scarcely a consideration. Even its economic development was in suspense. The so-called five feeder lines of the S.M.R. were merely reserved as a right and the construction of them was never vigorously planned. I was in Manchuria when a part of the Tachin-Taitshai line was built and know that this line, widely advertised as traversing the richest part of North Manchuria and Inner Mongolia, was by no means considered an

on the spot. They said that it would take some years to put it on a paying basis. Its chief value to the S.M.R. lies in the competition with the Chinese Eastern Railway.

It gains how an immense significance, because of the Russian competition, and such frenzied attention as cannot be thought of for the economic value of the line itself is now paid to it because of its greater significance in the rivalry between the two countries. The Kirin-Tunhua line, the construction of which is now planned, is another case that draws its significance from this rivalry. The country to be traversed by this line is not rich and is very thinly populated. It has been considered as a strategic line from the beginning.

IN REACTIONARY CIRCLES.

These are some definite evidences of how the reassertion of Russian imperialism in the Far East is stiffening Japan's foreign policy. I might go further and say that in some reactionary circles war with Russia is quite welcome. It is not accurate to say that the war cloud is looming but neither side is yet prepared. Japan is prepared and will fight if Russia gives her a sufficiently provocative cause on which she feels justified to act. If Kuo's rebellion could bring such tense response, any direct action on the part of Russia will instantly revive the memory of the seizure of Ryojin and the life of General Nogai. Therefore in reactionary circles, war must come eventually, the sooner the better.

It is quite certain, however, that Russia is in an evasive frame of mind. But if Russia evades a direct conflict with Japan and at the same time tries to instigate Chinese hostility, she will find that it will only strengthen Chang Tso-lin's position. In any event Russia stands unmasked in the Far East.—Dr. S. Washio in "Japan Advertiser."

Simon Blau, book-keeper, is not overpaid. Asked by his chief how he was getting on he replied that it was impossible for him to have any pleasure in life.

"What?" said the chief, "Why not? On a cold winter's night put one foot out of bed for a few minutes, then draw it back into the warm, and you will know what pleasure is!"

FALSE AND EVIL.

BOLSHEVIST PROPAGANDA IN NEWSPAPER.

Copies of the "People's Tribune," published in Peking, are now circulating in Singapore through the kindly offices of the General Post Office, says the "Straits Times."

A glance at the leading article of a current number is sufficient proof that the "red" hand of Soviet Russia is somewhere hovering in the back ground.

Commenting on the "act of frightfulness," which the journal alleges has been perpetrated by the British Agent in command of the "so-called Chinese Maritime Customs at Canton," the editorial proceeds to assert that the British Government is "endeavouring to starve nearly two million human beings, the population of a vast city."

Reference is also made to "murderous events" in Shanghai, hideous accusations being levelled at the British authorities of that city.

To further inflame the paper's readers against all things British, the editorial promises that in a subsequent issue the "true history of the Indian Mutiny of malignant memory" will be published "when the Borgian excesses, almost Danteque in their horror, of the British authorities of that time will be made known."

It seems surprising that such false and evil propaganda should be permitted to circulate in a British Colony.

Among educated people the very style of the paper is sufficient to condemn it as propaganda of the lowest style, but if allowed to circulate freely among the semi-educated it may well become a source of menace to peaceful well-being.

ARMY STANDARD.

LARGE NUMBER OF MEN REJECTED.

Sir Laming-Worthington Evans's memorandum accompanying the Army Estimates points out that the strength of the Army, inclusive of Britishers in India, would be practically up to establishment at the beginning of the financial year, but owing to an unusual number of men leaving the Colours, it will be necessary to maintain recruiting to the fullest extent.

Recruiting the past year was satisfactory. There was a slight falling off since October, when reduced pay operated. The total numbers of those who had enlisted was not a true indication of the popularity of the Army as a profession. They represent only 36 per cent of the numbers offering for enlistment. The high standard of character, education and physique required accounts for a large proportion of the rejections. Forty per cent of the recruits from London were in employment.

A greater interest had been displayed by serving soldiers in land settlement overseas. The Dominions scheme for training boys as tradesmen, introduced in 1923, was still producing good results.

The total strength of the Army reserve on April 1 was approximately 66,000.

The strength of the Territorial Army on February 1 was 6,318 officers and 138,332 other ranks, namely, over 70 per cent below the establishment.

The health of the Army was very satisfactory.

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"RANPURA"	10,586	24th July	Marselles and London
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"KALYAN"	9,141	8th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MALWA"	10,841	18th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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GREMINGER.—To Mr. and Mrs.
H. Greminger of 95-2, Thom-
son Road, Singapore, on
March 27, 1926, a son.

STUBBS.—On March 17, 1926, at
Sourabaya, to Mr. and Mrs.
F. W. Stubbs, a son.

WARRINGTON.—On March 26,
1926, at Tientsin, to Mr. and
Mrs. F. W. Warrington, a son.

MARRIAGES.

SMULLEN.—THOMAS.—The
marriage took place on
February 15, at St. James
the Apostle, Montreal,
Canada, of Florence Nina,
eldest daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. Reginald Thomas, of
Hongkong and Vancouver, to
Mr. C. Kenneth Smullen, of
New York, U.S.A., son of the
late Mr. R. H. Smullen, and
Mrs. Smullen, of Baltimore,
Maryland, U.S.A.

MICHAEL.—DICK.—At the
Presbyterian Church, Singa-
pore, on March 27, 1926, the
Rev. G. H. Douglas officiating,
John James, elder son of Mr.
and Mrs. J. Michael, of
Daldowie, Montserrat, to Mary
Duncan (May), second
daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
J. T. Dick, of Langside, Glas-
gow.

SAVAGE.—FLETCHER.—On
March 27, 1926, at Singapore,
by the Rev. Archdeacon
Swindell, Leonard W. H.
Savage, of Kuantan, to Eliza
C. Fletcher, second daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. F. C.
Fletcher, of Hoylake, Ches-
hire.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. A. D. Humphreys tenders
his sincere thanks to all who have
forwarded to him messages of
condolence in his recent bereave-
ment, and most deeply appreciates
the numerous floral tributes of
sympathy sent by friends.

Hongkong, Tuesday, April 6, 1926.

ASSETS TO THE COLONY.

The Hongkong Government's
grants to unemployed officers of
the British Mercantile Marine are
touched upon in the latest issue of
Shipping and Engineering
(Shanghai). Locally, of course,
it is known that the grants offered
were the outcome of a Board of

investigation into cases of hard-
ship occasioned through the strike
and the boycott. Amongst those
most concerned there has been no
great rush to participate in the
grant. Many have been idle for
months; their little capital has
been well eaten into—in some
cases of married officers doubt-
less melted away by now—but
they shrink from what some are
inclined to look upon as a dole:
that hateful word begotten of the
unemployed problem at home. It
has never been intended that the
grants here should smack either
of doles or charity; and it is a
great pity that such an unfortu-
nate misconception ever arose. As
our Shanghai contemporary right-
ly puts it:—

It should not be forgotten
that these officers are actually
an asset to the Colony (we are
referring entirely to those who
have been thrown out of em-
ployment through the boycott
and whose services, if the boy-
cott were fully lifted, would be
in immediate demand for the
benefit of the Colony's trade),
and that the Hongkong Govern-
ment, in deciding to make them
grants from public funds, is
doing nothing more than is just.
These men are respectable
members of an honourable pro-
fession, many of them having
families to support, and it was
an obvious necessity, if their
services were to be kept avail-
able in the event of a full re-
sumption of shipping services,
that the Government should
take steps to keep them
"going."

The grants range from two
dollars a day in the case of single
men to a maximum of five dollars
in the case of married men, due
regard being paid to the circum-
stances of each particular case.
Were these grants—not too gen-
erous by any means—to be taken
advantage of by all (and not
merely a few) whom they are
designed to aid in the Colony's
own interests and also paid
promptly, the community would
feel that the Government was
doing something of which to be
justly proud. But—and why
there should always be a but we
know not—our Shanghai contem-
porary refers to a local report of
delays in paying out grants
already passed by the Board of
Investigation. It continues:—

From private information
which we have received from
Hongkong the regrettable and
unnecessary delay in making
payment may be placed wholly
at the doors of the Hongkong
Treasury Department. Whilst
it has come generally to be ad-
mitted that only in the most
exceptional circumstances will
any Department of any Govern-
ment do anything quickly, and
in a business-like manner, it is
submitted that the present
circumstances are sufficiently
exceptional, and the need of
monetary relief by those affect-

ed sufficiently acute, to warrant
even a Treasury Department
departing from precedent and
practice and producing without
delay money the payment of
which has been approved by the
competent authorities, and the
need of which is so urgent to
the grantees. Surely the Treas-
ury Department of the Hong-
kong Government is not so over-
burdened with labour that it
takes weeks to issue money for
grants to some of the Colony's
best non-official, public ser-
vants? If it is, then some
other method should be devised,
and quickly, whereby the pay-
ments approved by the Grants
Committee will reach those for
whom they are intended in a
reasonable time.

Our northern contemporary has
been quoted so fully not with any
desire to "fling mud" at the Hong-
kong Government, but to show
the great amount of interest taken
in the subject of these grants out-
side this Colony. When a journal
of the standing of Shipping and
Engineering gives prominence to
an alleged grievance of this
nature—even though it rests on
the usually flimsy base of private
information—it is time for some-
thing to be done. Either the
allegation of undue delays in pay-
ing out these grants is beside the
mark (in which event they can be
officially denied) or there is some
foundation for it (in which event
the local authorities should be
trusted to remedy the defect im-
mediately). The good name of
the Colony is at stake. And the
community requires official en-
lightenment of the true position
of affairs!

FENG'S FUTURE.

The initial difficulty in following
Chinese militarism is the number
of leaders who figure in the
strife they create and recreate. A
more important one is the dif-
ficulty foreigners find in seeing
reason in all that is done in the
cause of China's reunification.
Reunification, it might be said,
what sins are committed in thy
name! Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang
will go down in Chinese history as
"the Christian General." His
"braves" have been known to sing
hymns—they have probably
entered into "battle" with the
tune of "Onward Christian Sol-
diers" ringing in their ears—
while a Methodist clergyman is
said to have been engaged to
minister to the spiritual wants of
the General's troops. Feng's
publicity department is beyond
criticism. Like consistent, well-
arranged advertisements, he
sticks in the memory. His ex-
ploits—Christian and otherwise—
are always likely to receive first
consideration. His latest inter-
vention is to pawn—by pawn we mean
put in safe keeping—his Marshal's
baton, and his him, not to a
numery, as the poet would have
it, but to a Moscow factory, there
to study politico-economic condi-
tions. This must be an ideal fac-
tory for workmen—unless work-
men would rather work than
study. And Feng is going to use
the result of his study on his re-
turn to his native land. The
change, he says, "does not disturb
me." All this savours of a nice
little holiday. How the knowl-
edge acquired in Russia of eco-
nomic conditions there, is going to
benefit conditions in China, is not
quite apparent. Some of China's
troubles—economic and otherwise
—are of her own seeking. And
these troubles include militarists
—Christian or otherwise. Per-
haps the good marshal seeks to
become China's Mussolini. We
must hope for the best.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Hoyleak pro-
ceeds on leave to-morrow by the
s.s. "Sarpedon."

The Civil Service C. C. is hold-
ing the annual dinner at Volun-
teer Headquarters at 8 p.m. on
Saturday, April 10.

HOW IT GAINED A GOOD
REPUTATION.

THE way to gain a good reputation
is to be what you appear. That
is, precisely, how Chamberlain's Cough
Remedy has gained its reputation as a
cure for coughs, colds, croup, and
bronchial trouble. Every bottle of this
valued medicine is fully up to the high
standards of excellence claimed for it.
For sale everywhere.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

Even the \$7,000
Easter Pearl, ordered
by a rich Brazilian
at the Savoy Hotel will hardly com-
pare, perhaps, with a similar
Easter offering once received by
Queen Victoria from Alexander II.
of Russia. The Tsar's gift, now at
Windsor, took the form of a nest of
frosted silver, every fragment of
twig, straw, and heather being a
separate and perfect piece of work.
In the nest, by way of eggs, were
three great pearls, identical in size,
lustre and condition.

O to be in
Spring Aspiration, land
Now that
April's there,
With the sunshine gleaming
Through its balmy air,
Hongkong, nought shall stay me
In your bleak abodes,
Where I must array me
In the Eskimodes.

A further extract
A Queen's from the letters of
Letters. Queen Victoria.

Disraeli (at the time
of the purchase of the Suez Canal
shares): The news of to-day must
be a source of great satisfaction
and pride to every British heart!
It is entirely the doing of Mr. Dis-
raeli, who has very large
ideas, and very lofty views
of the position this coun-
try should hold. His mind is so
much greater, larger, and his ap-
prehension of things great and small
so much quicker than that of Mr.
Gladstone.

Appropos the comparison ex-
pressed in the last sentence, the
student of human nature will find
an enthralling subject of ironical
study in the letters and memoranda
from Disraeli to the Queen. They
compose the most perfect exercise
in the art of subtle flattery ever
practised. And, perhaps, the most
successful!

As a footnote, here is a little
entry from the Queen's Journal re-
ferring to an occasion when she had
received the arch-flatterer in
audience: "He knelt down and
kissed hands, saying, 'I plight my
troth to the kindest of Mistresses!'"
And "Mistresses" is underlined in
the Queen's entry! Surely if any-
one other than her Majesty herself
had risked that little "double
entendre," Queen Victoria would
have uttered the rebuke, "We are
not amused!"

Young students of
New Light on history, still get
History. their knowledge
beautifully mixed.

Here are a few howlers from recent
school examination papers.
"Queen Elizabeth rode through
Coventry with nothing on, and
Raleigh offered her his cloak."
"Account of the feudal system:
William the Conqueror was thrown
from his horse and wounded in
the feudal system and died of it."
"The trade of Spain is small
owing to the insolence of the
people."

"In Holland the people make use
of water power to drive their
windmills."
"In 1620 the Pilgrims crossed the
ocean, which is known as the Pil-
grim's Progress."

"Charles I was going to marry
the Infanta of Spain. He went to
see her, and Shakespeare says he
never smiled again."

"Tennyson, the greatest prose
writer that ever lived, wrote the
'Iliad' and 'Paradise Lost.'"
"Dolphins are army rations of
spirits."

THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.

It has seemed good to the
Foreign Office to collect and lay
before us a mass of information
concerning the freedom of the
Press in other lands. Whether we
are intended to "read and envy and
pine and die," or to give thanks
that we are not as others are, is
not clear. There is much variety
in the restrictions placed upon
writers, from the extremity of
despotism in Russia, where "each
manuscript, before being set up in
type, must be passed by" the State
Publishing Department, to the
untrammelled liberty of Abyssinia,
where "there is no legislation
specially affecting the Press." In
China it is forbidden to publish not
only misrepresentations of the
Government, but "any attack upon
the private character of an indi-
vidual which tends to injure his re-
putation." Whether the attack is
justified or not seems to be of no
importance in China. In Hungary
if a newspaper publishes "either
openly or furtively untrue facts or
true facts in a distorted form about
anybody," the editor has to publish
in the next number such "rectifica-
tion" as the offended party chooses
to supply, provided that it does not
run to greater length than the
attack. Whether the offended one
is the judge of the truth and dis-

The head of Hong-
Kong's Volunteers is
concerned at the
quality of local beer. Queen Boss
herself, when staying at the famous
home of the Cecils, was very con-
cerned about good ale. "There is
not one drop of good drink for her
here," wrote Leicester, plaintively,
to Burleigh when staying with his
Royal mistress at Hatfield, "and we
were fain to send to London and
Kenilworth and divers other places,
where, alas, was; her own beer was
so strong as there was no man able
to drink it."

Outside. Outside, see more
of the game. Or it
seems necessary to
go outside our own
borders to learn something we
never knew. Reading a book of
short stories having a Chinese at-
mosphere, the Shreds man comes
across the following of a humble
mesha puller plying his calling in
Hongkong:

"Leaping" as usual down the
cobbled slope of the waterfront,
his ricksha . . . to be secured
for the night beneath a nearby
dock.

Those who know Queen's College
will also be amazed to read the
following:—

"Plum Blossom, the loveliest
girl Queen's College, Hongkong,
had turned out for a long time."

The Eng-
lishwoman's Foot. The Eng-
lishwoman's Foot was a
sore point

with Anatole France. In his
biography by Jean Jacques
Brousseau, we read how the great
man was walking one day in the
park when he saw a beetle lying
on its back in the path. He held
out his umbrella to it, and the beetle
was just crawling away to safety,
"when suddenly an Englishwoman
made her appearance in the path.
How did I recognise her
nationality? Everything proclaim-
ed it: her mannish figure, her
strangely coloured hair, her vinous
complexion, and her teeth like the
key-board of a piano—her whole
chapter of blemishes! . . . Her
nose stuck in a Beedeker, she
marched like a hussar on parade.
Down came her foot—and what a
foot!—on my unlicked beetle."

The Tene-
ment House Com-
mittee

of the Brooklyn Bureau of Charities
has issued on a little card, printed
in Old English type, these ten
commandments:—

1. Thou shalt honour thy neigh-
bourhood and keep it clean.
2. Remember thy cleaning day,
and keep it wholly.
3. Thou shalt take care of thy
rubbish-heap, else thy neighbour
will bear witness against thee.
4. Thou shalt keep in order thy
alley, thy back yard, thy hall, and
thy stairway.
5. Thou shalt not let the wicked
fly breed.
6. Thou shalt not kill thy neigh-
bour by ignoring fire menaces or
by poisoning the air with rubbish
and garbage.
7. Thou shalt not keep the win-
dows closed day and night.
8. Thou shalt covet all the air
and sunshine thou canst obtain.
9. Because of the love thou
bearest thy children, thou shalt
provide clean homes for them.
10. Thou shalt not steal thy
children's right to health and
happiness.

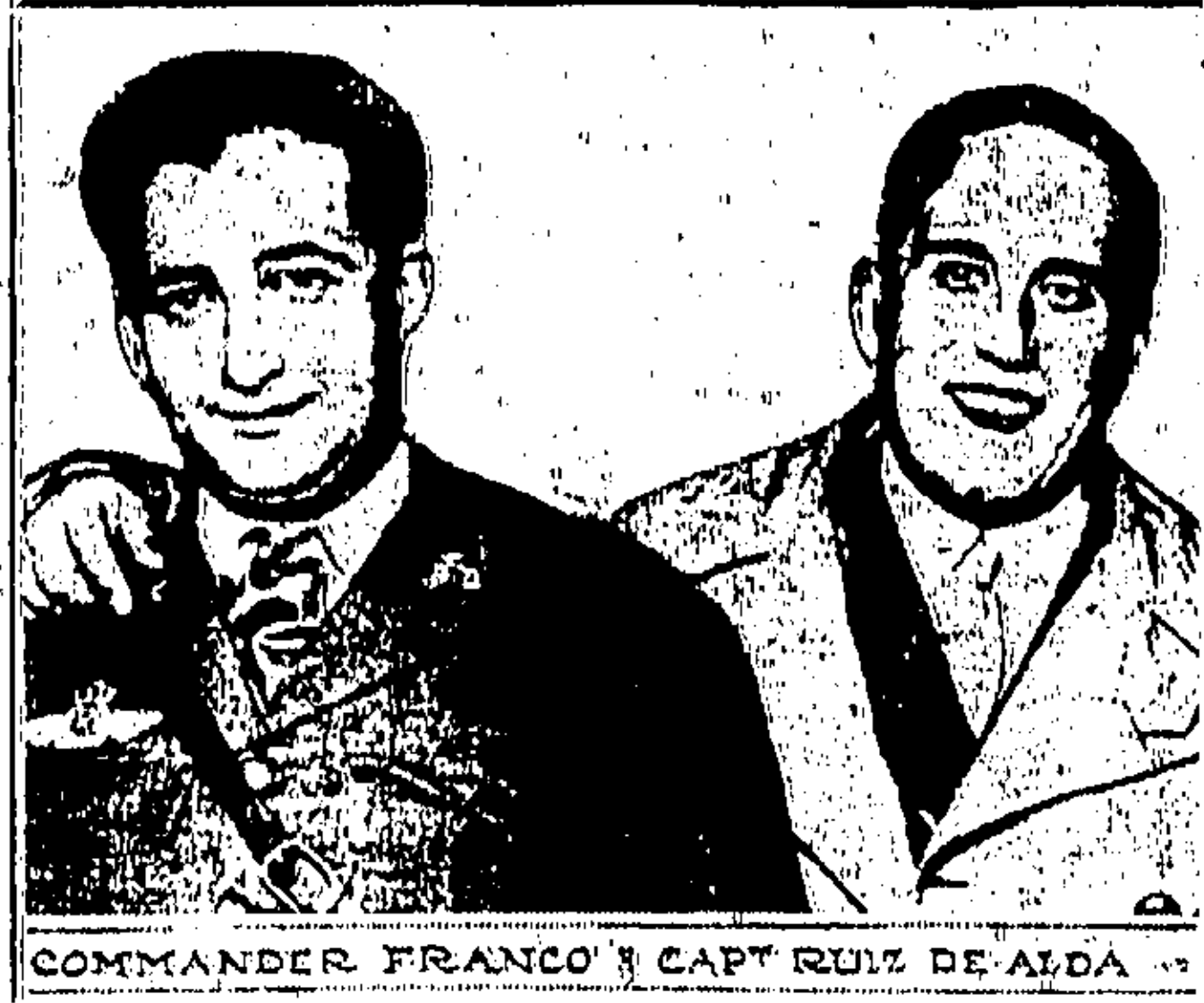
NATIONAL WELCOME.

SPANISH AIR HERO'S RETURN HOME.

FRANCO CONGRATULATED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Huelva, April 5.
The return of Major Franco and his companions from their



COMMANDER FRANCO, CAPT RUIZ DE ALDA.

flight to South America was marked by an outburst of immense enthusiasm.

The King of Spain, who participated in the national welcome, journeyed here from Madrid, accompanied by over a dozen Ambassadors and Ministers of American countries, a number of other celebrities, and also representatives of the British Royal Aero Club.

The King was met on his arrival by all the members of the Government. His Majesty embarked on board a cruiser which went out to

RACIAL FEUD.

THREE HUNDRED ARRESTS IN CALCUTTA.

SITUATION MUCH IMPROVED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Calcutta, April 5.
The situation has greatly improved, the presence of the military patrolling the streets having a calming effect.

Most of the shops have re-opened. Up to now 800 persons have been arrested.

GREEK PRESIDENT.

PREMIER ASSURED OF BIG MAJORITY.

LAST MOMENT DECISION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Athens, April 5.
The results of the Presidential elections, so far announced in twelve departments gives the Premier, General Pangalos, 90 per cent. of the votes cast.



General Pangalos.

The remaining districts poll later in the week.
The elections are due to the resignation of M. Condouriotis.

Until the last moment the only candidate was M. Demerdjis, but General Pangalos, objecting to what he termed M. Demerdjis's monarchistic tendencies, decided to oppose M. Demerdjis himself.

the late Rev. Y. C. Shim and Mrs. Shim, of Honolulu.

The Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie officiated.

Many Chinese from overseas now residing in the Colony attended the ceremony.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Jack K. C. Lau, was charmingly attired in a creation of silver tissue, finished off with gossamer of white lace.

The silk embroidered tulle-veil, which covered the gown and formed the train, was effectively arranged with a coronet of orange blossom caught at either side with pearls.

Her bouquet consisted of white roses and freesias, and on her arm was carried a horseshoe of silver tissue, trimmed with orange blossoms.

Miss Sue A. L. Goody, who arrived but recently from Australia, was in attendance, wearing an elegant frock of mauve georgette with a shirred apron effect, inset with bands of mauve lace.

Her bandeaux of silver and mauve ribbon leaves, was set off with a dainty posy at one side. A bouquet of shaded mauve and pink sweet peas completed her toilette.

The little Miss Rae Lau, a sister of the bride, attended as flower girl and made an exceedingly beautiful picture in her powder blue crepe de Chine frock embroidered in pink. She carried a basket of pink rosebuds.

Mr. Roy G. C. L. Goody supported the bridegroom as best man.

Mr. Longyear, the church organist, played suitable music.

After the ceremony, a large number of guests attended a reception at the King Edward Hotel. The O. K. Orchestra supplied the music.

The toast of the happy couple was proposed by Mr. Huang Hsin-chao, formerly of Honolulu, Hawaii.

As the bridegroom was at the Oregon University and since his return has been prominent in connection with the activities of the South China Athletic Club, a large number of returned students also from that university and from the local club attended in addition to the bride's many friends.

MORALS DEBASED.

EFFECTS OF PROHIBITION IN AMERICA.

BLIGHTER OF HAPPINESS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, April 5.

The official investigation of Prohibition has begun by a Sub-Committee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which is charged to examine not only the several measures designed to ameliorate the present "aridity" by permitting the sale of light wines and beer, but also the proposed Goff dry law, making the enforcement of Prohibition more drastic.

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MANILA FLIGHT.

SPANISH AIRMEN LEAVE MADRID.

(Reuter's Service.)

Madrid, April 5.
Three Spanish aviators, flying in French bi-planes, left this morning in an attempt to fly to the Philippines.

Arrival at Algiers.

Algiers, April 5.
The Spanish aviators arrived here after a journey of 4½ hours from Madrid.

Spain Stirred.

Madrid, March 25.
The "flight to Manila," assured by yesterday's announcement from the Air Ministry, has stirred the imagination of the Spanish people as nothing in recent years and is the subject this morning of enthusiastic comment by the Press all over the country.

Captain Estévez has been designated to command the flight instead of Captain Lorica. The latter will pilot one of the three planes and the third will be in charge of Captain Calarza.

"We hope to add one more glorious deed to the record of Spanish courage and gallantry," said Captain Estévez, discussing the flight with a correspondent of the United Press. "He said that each pilot had been instructed to keep a careful written record of his flight and these would be published on their return to Spain."

It was obvious, he pointed out, that their use of aeroplanes instead of seaplanes, added certain difficulties. He felt that these were more than overcome, however, by the fact that there were three planes which would remain in close touch with each other.—United Press.

TRADE MAGNATE.

DEATH OF HERR AUGUST THYSEN.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, April 4.
The death is announced of the industrial magnate, Herr August Thyssen, at the age of 85 years.



Sir Arthur Keith, the famous British scientist.

BOMBS RAID.

THRILLS FOR ARBOUR DAY CROWD.

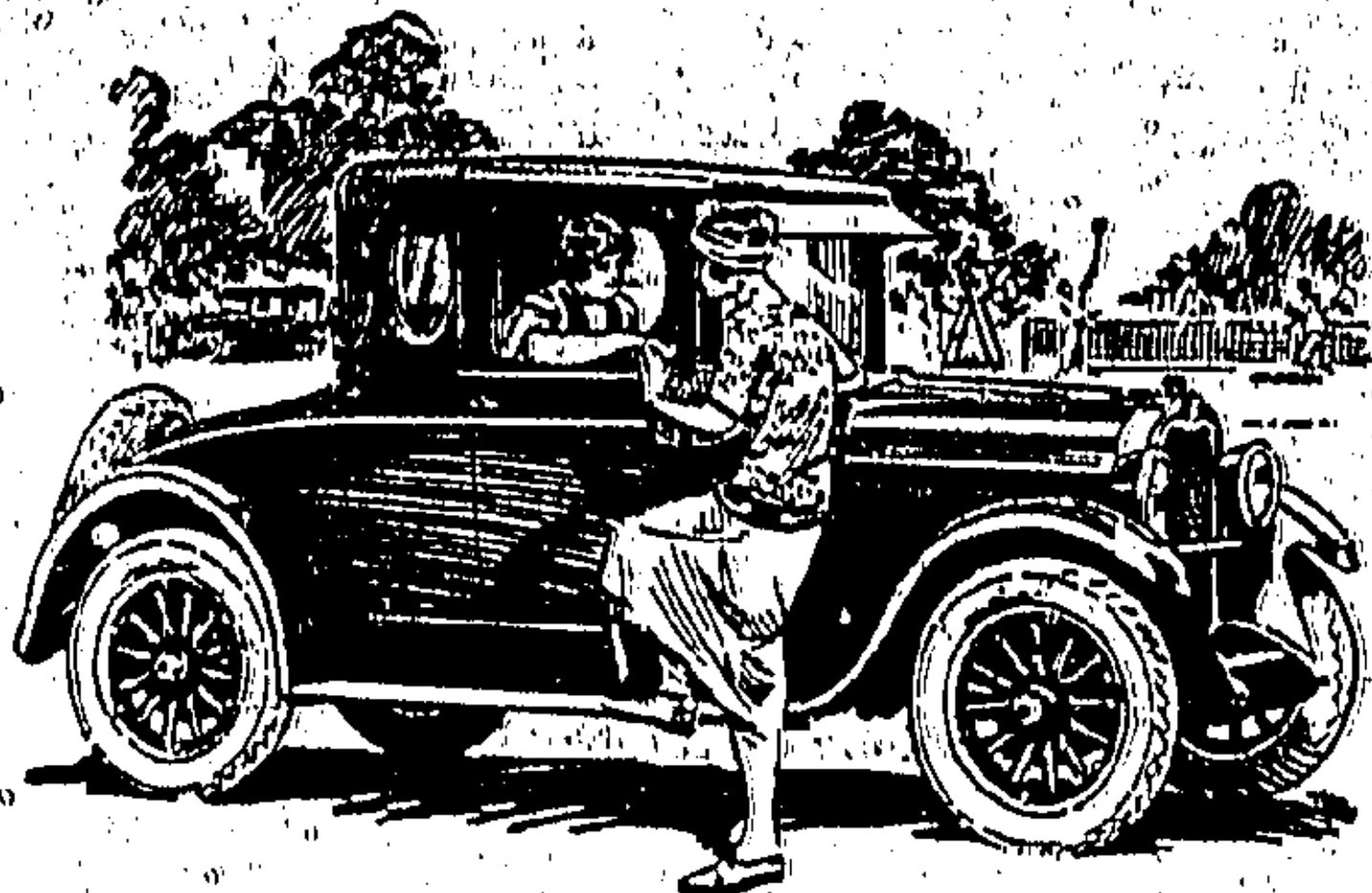
(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, April 5.
Two aeroplanes this morning dropped twelve bombs in the vicinity of the Temple of Agriculture and the Temple of Heaven where crowds were assembling to witness the tree planting ceremony on Arbor Day. There were no casualties.

KOREA'S EX-RULER.

SERIOUSLY ILL AT SEOUL.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Wah Yan College prize distribution takes place at 5.15 p.m. to-morrow at the Theatre Royal.

Members are reminded of the second annual meeting of the Kowloon Golf Club (at 8.15 p.m.) and of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club (at 5.45 p.m.) to-morrow.

The German gunboat "Berlin" which is making a trip around the world arrived at Virgo on March 15 and was cordially welcomed by the "Spanish Marine" commander.

The steamer "Taketo Maru" of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line left Yokohama recently for New York with 5,000 Japanese articles for the exhibition to be held in Philadelphia of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of American independence.

British physicians are now conferring as to how to determine whether a man is intoxicated or not. The physicians say that smelling the breath, giving the suspect tongue twisters to say, and mild forms of acrobatics do not produce the required result, as quite a number of sober people could not do them all properly. Incidentally the examinee might be suffering from locomotor ataxia and be falsely accused of being drunk. The conference hoped to produce something concrete to report to the Medical Association.

Major Matsunaga of the naval flying field at Kasumigaura, Tokyo, is reported to have perfected a new type of aeroplane which can start from or land on a field as small as a school playground. It is also claimed that certain devices in connection with the new contrivance make it absolutely safe as a means of transportation. The major, who is now engaged on other articles of aeroplane equipment, has expressed the hope that remote spots in the Empire may be brought into intimate contact with each other by means of his new plane.

Half the houses in London are occupied by two or more families.

A large meeting of German Jews, called to combat the increase of suicide in Germany, entered into an anti-suicide pact. The meeting was called by seven lodges of the Independent Order "B'nai B'rith," American Jewish fraternity, which has branches in various parts of the world.

After an interval of 40 years, chimney sweeps have again appeared on the streets of Philadelphia and cries of "Sweep! Sweep!" from sooty individuals, carrying bundles of sweeping material, are bringing back to the memories of Philadelphians the days when wood and soft coal were the chief articles of fuel obtainable.

Absinthe, claret and currant are among the new colours for spring in London. A rich cardinal red is another shade. Kashia is to be popular again, but it will have rivals in other woollens made up in very small checks of the same tone, or in chevrons or narrow lines. Silks are to be varied on their surfaces. Many of them have little raised dots, and striped effects are produced by letting the silk run in different directions.

During 1925 only one passenger was killed in a train accident on the British railways. Since 1900 there have been two years—1901 and 1908—without a single fatality to passengers. In train accidents, and in 1909, as in last year, only one fatal accident occurred. In a statement issued by the Railway Companies' Association, it is pointed out that there are seventeen hundred million passenger journeys by train every year. Comparing the railway death toll with that of the streets, the statement reveals that 3,031 people were killed on the roads of Great Britain in 1925. The number killed in the streets of London alone was 840.

It is generally accepted in well-informed quarters that Mr. Blythe, the Finance Minister, will decide to place a tax on betting in the Free State. A considerable revenue would be obtained from bookmakers' licences, but, on the other hand, licensed bookmakers would demand powers which the law withholds from them to-day. If the Government legalises betting, it would be asked to give the bookmakers power to recover a debt from a client who, under the law as it stands to-day, has only to plead the Gaming Act in court to evade responsibility.

The revolutionary experiment of producing "Faust" in modern dress is to be made by the recently formed Birmingham Grand Opera Society, which has more than 300 members. Mephistopheles will be stripped of his horns and red tights, and will be modelled on the Devil of Marie Corelli's "Sorrowful Satan." Faust will be a bookworm. Marguerite a middle-class girl, and the soldiers will wear khaki. The object of this modern dress innovation in opera is to emphasise the beauty of the music by lifting the opera out of the tinsel of costume in which it has so long been wrapped.

Under the caption "Why not a Coolidge doctrine?" the "Spectator" makes the novel suggestion that President Coolidge, by a message to Congress, or otherwise, openly should inform the world what is America's attitude toward the eternal problem of "last resort." The "Spectator" suggests that the United States should act as a "buttress" outside the League of Nations and lay down that wherever there is a breaker of the peace who refuses to recognise the sanctity of a treaty concluded between Powers, there America seeks an enemy to mankind. On the other hand, the paper says, it should be emphasised that wherever America finds a follower of peace, there she recognises a friend and fellow worker.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Professor Gilbert Murray is to be the first incumbent of the Chair of Poetry at Harvard University.

Judge Vicente Nepomuceno of the fifth branch of the court of first instance of Manila was to retire from the judicial service of the Philippine government on March 31 of this year. Judge Nepomuceno is more than 60 years old and has spent about twenty years in the judiciary.

Sir Harry Lauder's extended stay at the Victoria Palace, where he is singing every night, reminds one of a Lauder story which is very old but which never fails to make somebody smile. Forty years ago—more or less—when Lauder was a mill boy, earning an insignificant number of shillings a week, he won a local singing competition. "Mark my words," exclaimed one bold admirer, "He'll earn five pounds a week before he dies!"

Visiting the British Monomark stall at the British Industries Fair at the White City, Shepherd's Bush, the Prince of Wales was prevailed upon to adopt a monomark. It will be "BM/EP." That, on an envelope, with "London" added, will find H.R.H. from any part of the world. The Prince made a tour of the exhibition and stopped at several stalls, asked questions about the goods, chatted with the salesmen and saleswomen, and gave practical demonstration of the sincerity of his advice to buy British goods by ordering a number of articles for himself.

The Yokohama company of Girl Guides, which has been inactive since the earthquake of 1923, has been revived, formal enrolment of the company taking place at the International School. The enrolment ceremony was conducted by Mrs. Doughton Mathews, who succeeded Mrs. F. Owston as Girl Guide Commissioner for Japan. Mrs. Hamilton Holmes, wife of the British Consul-General at Yokohama, the Rev. C. E. and Mrs. Weston, and a number of the members of the girls were among those present at the ceremony.

Mr. J. H. Langdon, a great deal from insomnia. People often think I am drowsy because I never arrange to go to bed until I can help it. I go to bed at 11.30 and sleep until 7.30 in the morning. I have to get up at 7.30 and go to work at 8.30.



Mayor James J. Walker, of New York, after a month in office, has been forced to take a vacation because of the strain. He collapsed twice before consenting to leave his office for a few weeks.

Monseigneur Van Roey has been appointed successor to the late Cardinal Mercier.

The wife of Hongkong's new Colonial Secretary is a well-known writer, Bella Sydney Woolf being her pen-name.

The health of D'Annunzio is reported to be rapidly failing. Doctors will examine his mental condition as a result of his strange behaviour.

The resignation of the following Japanese Ambassadors will be officially announced shortly: Honda, Germany, Ochiai, Italy, Tatsuaki, Brazil, Akatsuka, Austria, and Moroi, Argentina.

A marriage is arranged, and will take place shortly, at Aigiers, between Mr. E. P. Maw, Bishop of Clifton, Gloucestershire, and Mrs. Ethel Goodyear, widow of Mr. C. M. Goodyear, formerly Surveyor-General, F.M.S.

It is not generally known that Mr. Langdon is a great deal from insomnia. People often think I am drowsy because I never arrange to go to bed until I can help it. I go to bed at 11.30 and sleep until 7.30 in the morning. I have to get up at 7.30 and go to work at 8.30.

Queen Mary, wearing a pair of tinted goggles to protect her eyes from the intense glare of mercury vapour and special carbon lamps, saw a number of babies being treated by artificial sunlight.

Sir Bruce Porter told a London audience that it was a tragedy to see so many girls trying to get "willowy" figures. In spite of the talk about physical culture there was an appalling number of badly developed young men and women going about the streets. "Why girls want to look like weak and weedy young men I cannot imagine," he remarked. "But they will get that figure all right, and with it digestive troubles and a greater risk of consumption. Why should the fair and strong—sex try to copy the worst points in young men? Don't let your daughters and nieces cultivate that figure."

An interesting sequel to a queer little golfing story is disclosed by Sir Theodore Andrea Cook, editor of the "Field," in his new book of sporting reminiscences, "The Sunlit Hours" (Nisbet, 18s.). He relates that some years ago he published in his paper the following:

A distinguished golfer in Scotland, who had just played his approach shot, was distressed to see his ball hit a cow.

He walked up, but the ball was nowhere to be seen.

Shaking her head more in sorrow than in anger, the offended quadruped moved forward and then dropped the sphere upon the green out of her left ear.

The published story, says Sir Theodore, was received with howls of derision by incredulous contemporaries. "Next week I added the detail (continues the editor) that the ball used was the Midgott Dimple. My critics became more uproarious than ever. I was emboldened, it seems, a bald and unconvincing narrative. Now after a long lapse of time, Sir Theodore Cook supplies the surprising secret.

There can be no harm in saying now that the player was his Majesty King George V. at Balmoral.

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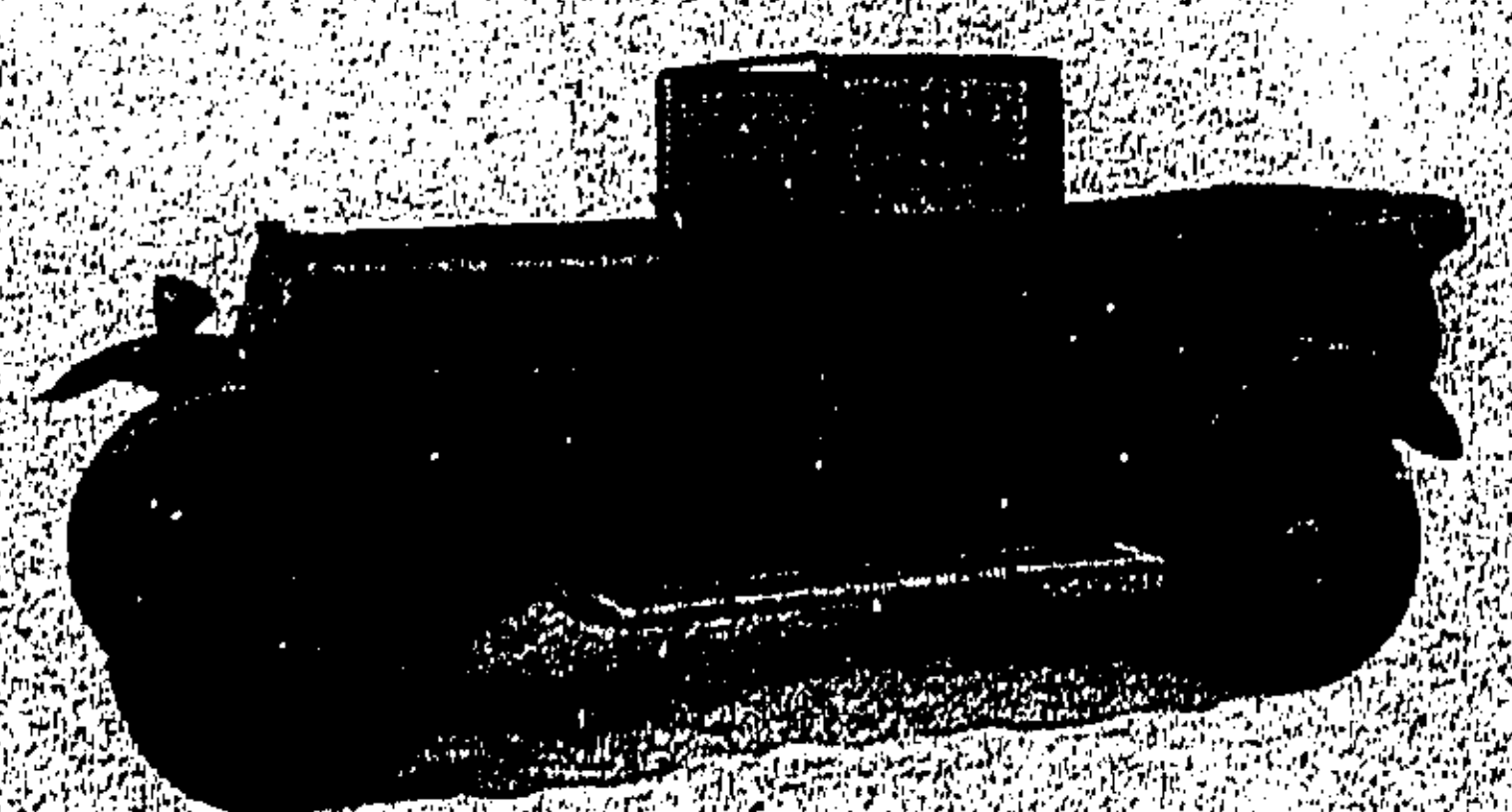
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HOME FOOTBALL.

LEAGUE MATCHES ON EASTER MONDAY.

FEW BIG SCORES.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 5.
The following are the results of League football matches played to-day:

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First Division.

Arsenal 2, Aston Villa 0.
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Manchester U. 0, Notts C. 1.
Newcastle U. 3, Leeds U. 0.
W. Bromwich A. 1, Tottenham H. 0.

Second Division.

Barnsley 0, Derby County 1.
Bradford C. 2, Port Vale 0.
Fulham 2, Portsmouth 3.
Hull City 1, Blackpool 2.
Notts F. 1, Clapton C. 0.
Southampton 0, Chelsea 1.
S. Shields 1, Preston N.E. 1.
Stoke C. 0, Wednesday 1.
Swansea T. 3, Oldham A. 3.
Wolverhampton 5, Stockport C. 1.

Third Division—Southern.

Bournemouth 4, Queen's P. R. 1.
Bristol C. 2, Plymouth A. 1.
Charlton A. 2, Luton T. 1.
Exeter C. 1, Swindon T. 2.
Merthyr T. 1, Aberdare A. 1.
Newport C. 4, Gillingham 0.
Norwich C. 1, Brentford 0.
Reading 3, Bristol R. 0.
Southend U. 5, Crystal P. 1.
Watford 0, Millwall 1.

Third Division—Northern.

Chesterfield 2, Grimsby T. 0.
Coventry C. 2, Ashington 0.
Durham C. 0, Huddersfield U. 0.
Lincoln C. 3, Doncaster R. 1.
Nelson 1, N. Brighton 1.
Rochdale 3, Accrington S. 2.
Tranmere R. 3, Barrow 0.
Walsall 4, Rotherham U. 1.
Wrexham 1, Crewe A. 1.

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RUGBY FOOTBALL.

WALES TRIUMPHS OVER FRANCE.

SECOND HALF REVIVAL.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, April 5.
The international Rugby football match between Wales and France was played in fine weather before 45,000 spectators.

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Norwich C. 1, Brentford 0.
Reading 3, Bristol R. 0.
Southend U. 5, Crystal P. 1.
Watford 0, Millwall 1.

Third Division—Northern.

Chesterfield 2, Grimsby T. 0.
Coventry C. 2, Ashington 0.
Durham C. 0, Huddersfield U. 0.
Lincoln C. 3, Doncaster R. 1.
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BEATEN AGAIN.

HONGKONG LOSES SOCCER INTERPORT.

PORTUGUESE FESTIVAL.

(Reuter's Service.)

That last line (backed up by a brilliant custodian) of the Shanghai team again proved Hongkong's stumbling block. (In the replay) the visitors, gaining by the odd goal in five.

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LOCAL CRICKET.

INTERESTING HOLIDAY FIXTURES.

CLOSE GAMES.

KOWLOON MATCH.

Two cricket matches at Kowloon and Happy Valley filled yesterday's holiday programme, both games being played without much interference from the weather.

KOWLOON MATCH.

The match played on the Kowloon C.C. ground between a home eleven and a team led by Captain Morris ended in a win for the visitors by 23 runs.

Batting first the visitors closed their innings for 224, principal contributors being Captain Mercer (51), Captain West (44) and "Extras" (32). F. Goodwin took eight wickets for 64.

The home team made a good start, the first wicket partnership being A. W. Ramsay (49) and J. C. Lyall (29) yielding 75 runs.

A. R. F. Raven contributed 48 and the total score was 201.

Captain Morris XI.

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GENERAL PERSHING & SECY. KELLOGG.
General John J. Pershing returned to Washington after striving for five months to settle the Tacna-Arica boundary dispute in South America. General Pershing was permitted to resign because of ill-health, and after making his report to President Coolidge entered hospital for treatment. He is shown with Secretary of State Kellogg.



MRS. DAVID BELASCO.
Mrs. David Belasco, wife of the famous theatrical producer, was reported to be gravely ill at her home in New York.



SCENE OF DISASTER.
Sixteen miners were trapped in the mine of the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Co., following an explosion and fire. Three bodies were recovered.



JOSEPH VERACKA & STANLEY SMITH.
A bitter fight is expected when Anthony Binba, a Brooklyn editor, goes on trial for alleged blasphemy. The statute under which he will be tried is 228 years old and was dug up by Joseph Veracka (left). Stanley Smith, right, is a supporter of Binba and will take a leading part in the trial.



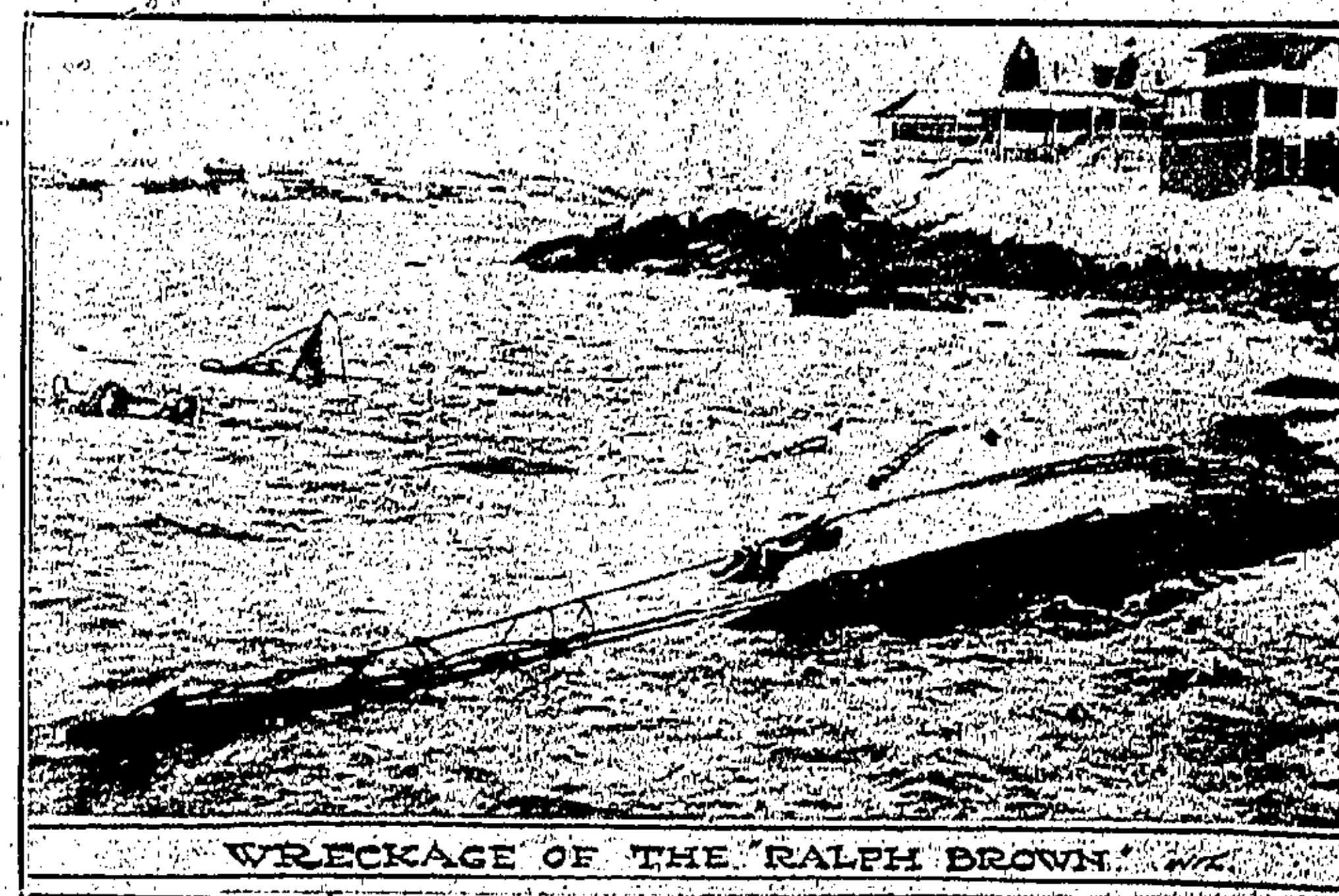
MRS. CLARA E. SHIRAS.
Mrs. Clara E. Shiras settled her breach of promise suit for \$100,000 against George H. Caldwell, sixty-three, a banker, for \$1,500 after both sides had presented their arguments to a New York court.



WOMEN ARE INDIGNANT.
A delegation from the U.S. National Women's Party called upon the assistant secretaries of Labour (Messrs. Husband and White) at Washington, protesting against the exclusion of the Countess of Cathcart from the United States while the Earl of Craven was admitted by the immigration authorities without question.



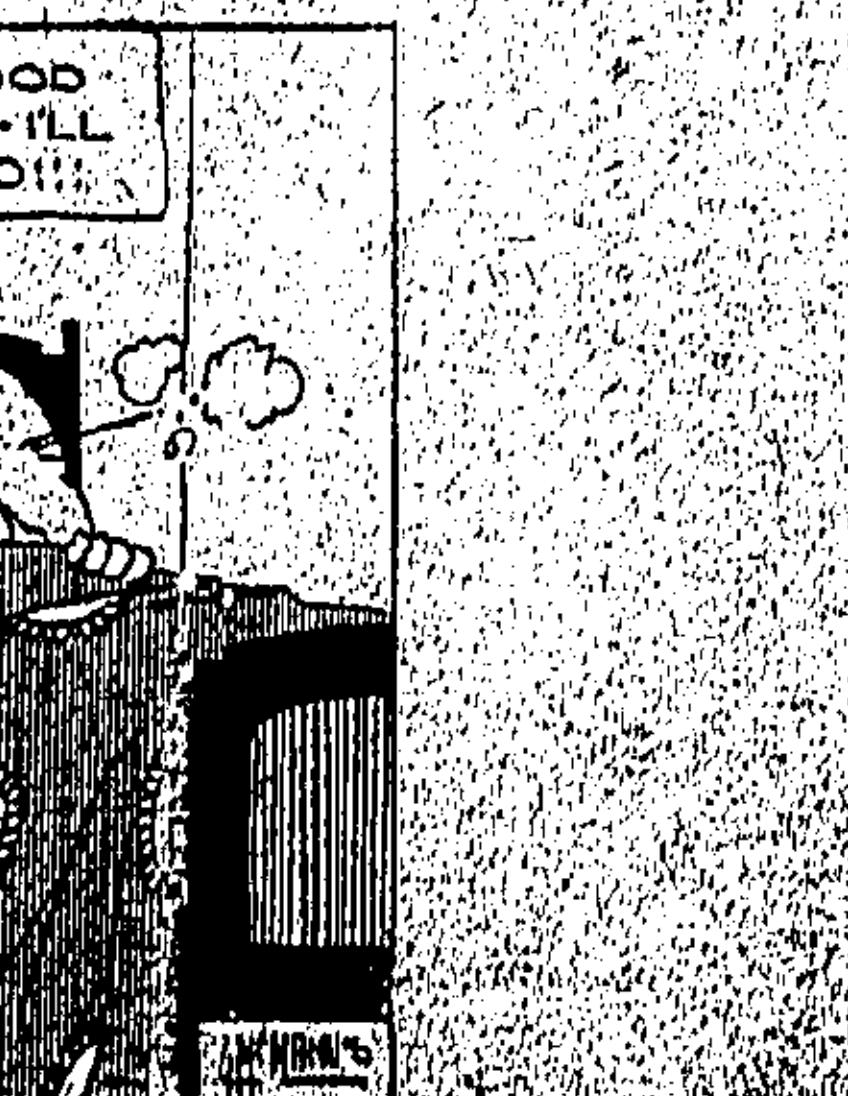
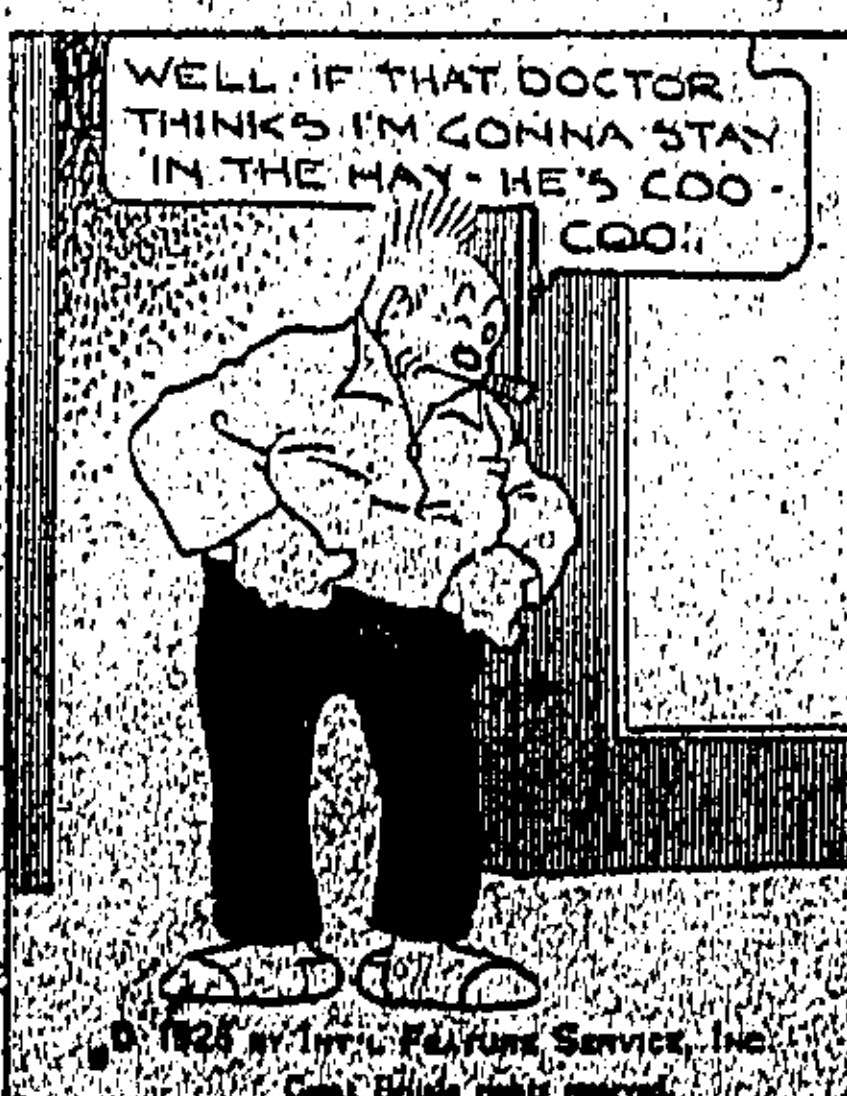
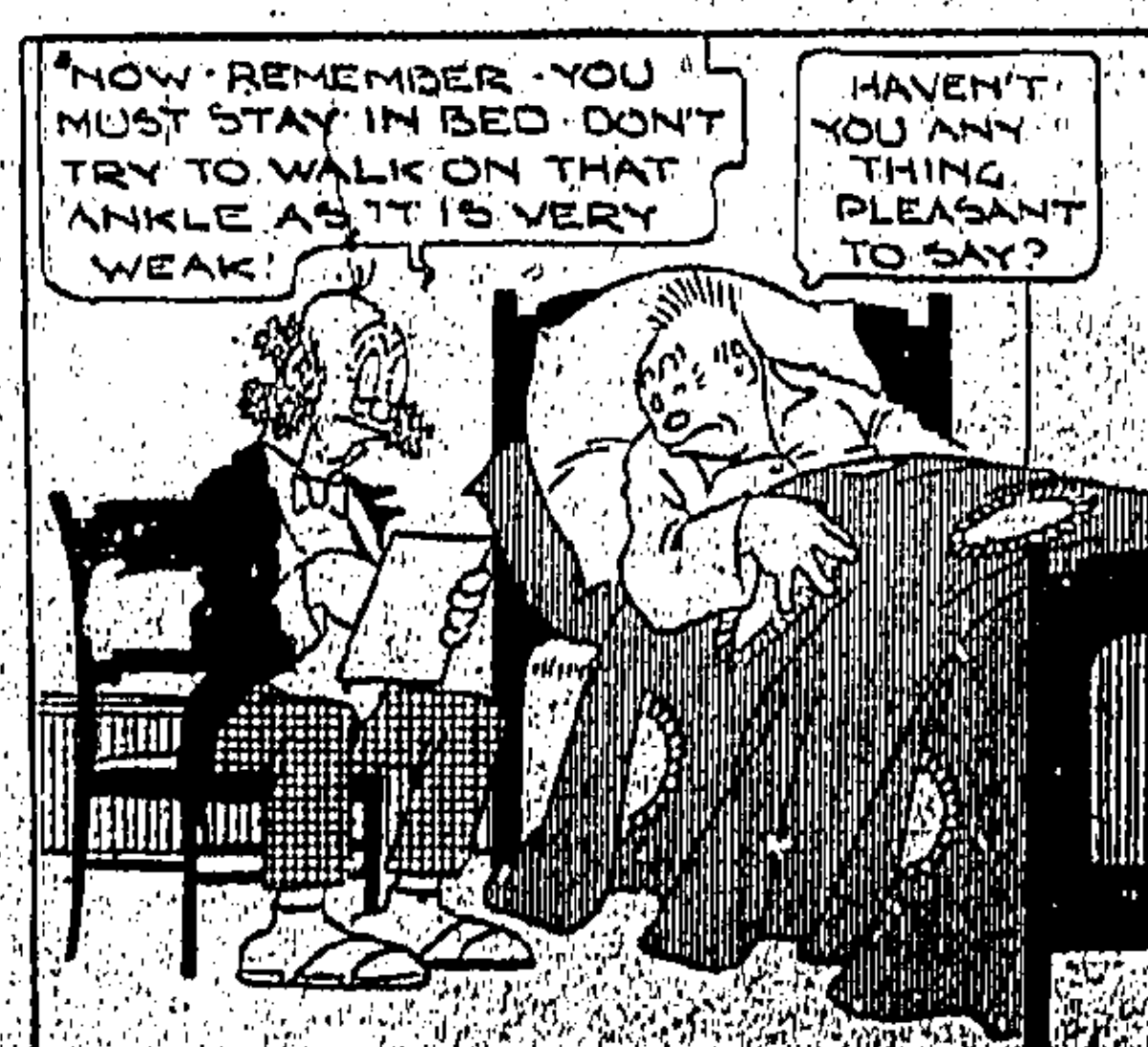
GOV. LEN SMALL & CAPT. DANIEL MALMAN.
Governor Len Small, of Illinois, must account for \$1,000,000 alleged to be interest on State funds withheld from the State while he was State Treasurer, according to a ruling of the Illinois Supreme Court. Captain Daniel Malman, of the U.S. "Bancroft" is reported to have been nominated for the captaincy of the "Leviathan," the world's largest liner. Mme. Pearl V. Metzeltin, a widow of a former German diplomat, says the League of Nations is a closed corporation consisting of "England and France, Limited." Archbishop Edward A. Mooney has been appointed Apostolic Delegate to India.



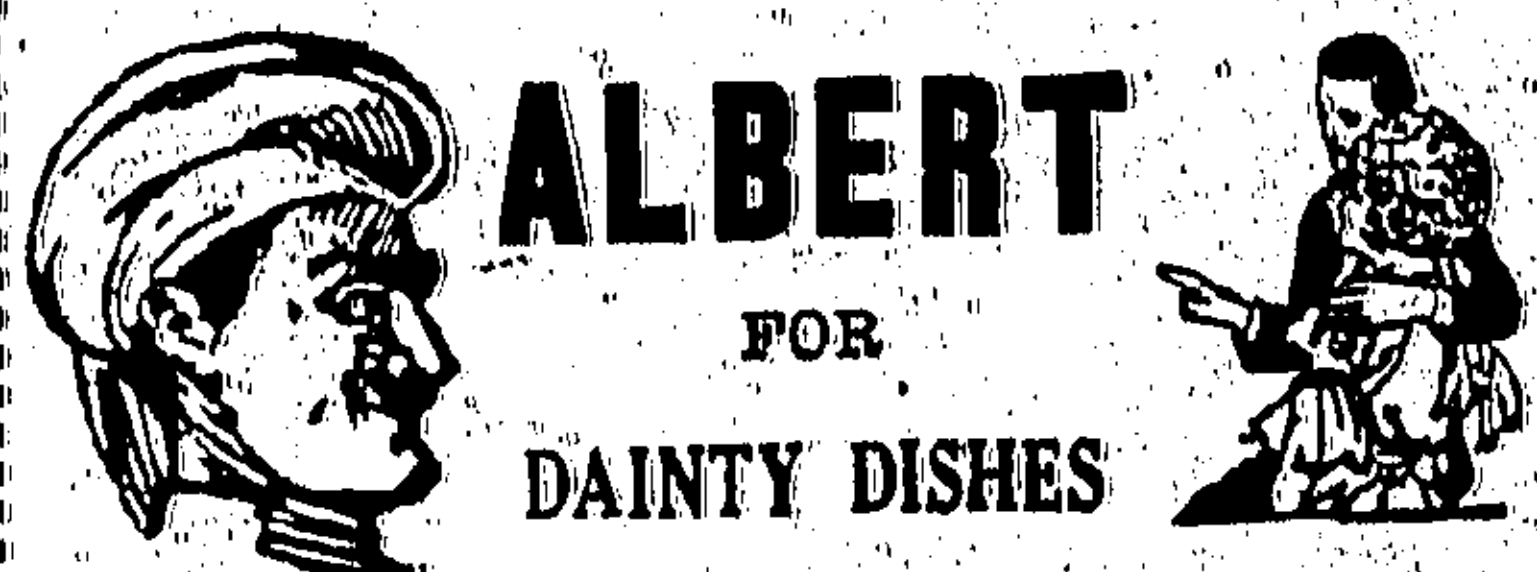
WRECKAGE OF THE "RALPH BROWN."
The wreck of the fishing schooner "Ralph Brown," of Gloucester (Mass.), which ran aground on Brits Neck during a blizzard. Twenty-one of the crew were saved, but three lost their lives.

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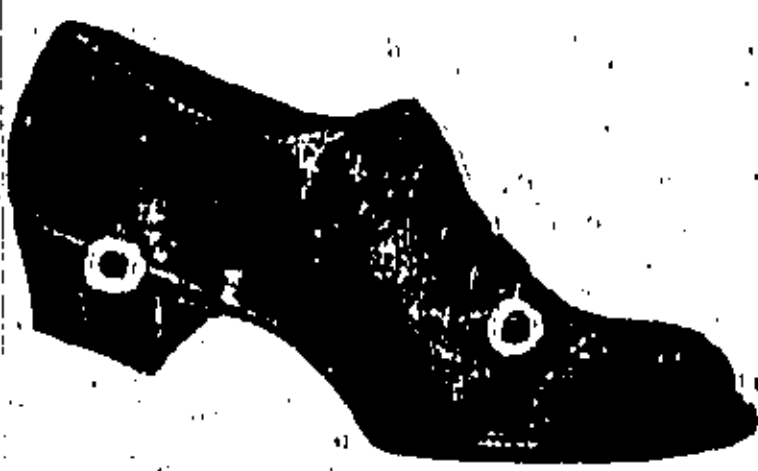
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ODDS AND ENDS



Louis Parmentier, the official
liquor taster for the Quebec Liquor
Commission, sampled some "Scotch"
and "Champagne" in a New York
night club, and said it was enough to
"kill a goat." He then left for France
to get some real "hard stuff" to re-
store his sense of taste.

Air Discoveries.

The first thing we have use
for when we come into the world
is air; we breathe it every day
that we live, and it is the last
thing we have use for before
leaving the world. We ought to
understand it if we understand
anything in the universe, and yet
the human family breathed it for
centuries before they knew what
it was or had any just conception
of it. In 1650 A.D. Otto von
Guericke invented the air pump.
Boyle, the next investigator, en-
deavoured to ascertain the chemi-
cal constituents of the atmos-
phere. He concluded that there
were different kinds of air. Hales
pursued the investigation still
further, but Black was the first
to use the plural of the word air
and to use a balance for weigh-
ing air (observes the "New
York Herald"). In 1772 Ruther-
ford discovered nitrogen, and in
1774 Priestley discovered oxygen.
Lavoisier, a Frenchman, general-
ised the observations of the
others, and invented the calome-
ter. He classified the elements
of air as oxygen, nitrogen, and
carbon. Liebig discovered that
air possesses a small portion of
ammonia. Fresh observations
are still being made which tend
to show how little is yet known
about the air. Electricians fill it
with ozone, radios fill it with
sound, and when treating of those
departments of physics scientific
speculations fill it with light,
heat, odour, gravity, and ether,
and still we breathe it, and it
sustains life now just as when
first introduced into the first pair
of lungs.

Germes in Plants.

Microscopic organisms similar to
those which give rise in man to
certain fevers have been found liv-
ing in plants of the milk-wood
family. The insect which acts as
host to these parasites bites the
plant, it appears, and a colony of
the germs may establish itself in
the plant as a sequel. Professor
H. B. Pantham, D.Sc., F.Z.S., ex-
hibited some of these micro-
organisms at a scientific meeting
of the London Zoological Society.
They had been found in a species
of South Africa fig and in the
Euphorbia. The one type of
vegetable life in which they have
been discovered is that which
exudes a milk-like juice or latex,
such as we are familiar with in
the case of the dandelion. The
particular organism shown at the
meeting was very much like that
which caused a dangerous fever
round the shores of the Mediter-
ranean. It is a not very distant
cousin of the germ of sleeping sick-
ness which is carried by the
Tsetse fly. The organisms found
by Dr. Pantham did not appear to
cause any particular distress to
the invaded plant, but in other in-
fected plants examined in Mauritius
and Central America the organisms
are reported to have caused local
fading, loss of chlorophyll (the
green colouring matter in vege-
tables), and a thinning of the latex.

Japanese "Boxing."

In Japan a boxer chooses his
second with as much care as an
English pugilist bestows upon the
election of an opponent. Ring ex-
perience and towel-flapping ability
are not necessary; the Japanese
second is required to be expert in
one thing only—the restoration of
life. Jiu-jitsu is the national art
of self-defence, and although con-
cerned mainly with "paralysing
holds and tricky throws," the sys-
tem also includes a section devoted
to the science of punching. The
Japanese uses this fist as a last
resort when all other methods have
failed (says a writer in a London
daily paper). He has discovered
that the smaller the striking sur-
face the greater the effect on his
opponent, and he clenches his
fist so that the second knuckle of
the second finger projects beyond
the others. With that tiny surface
he can do more damage than an
English heavy-weight whose fist is
enclosed in an eight-ounce glove.
The English boxer is limited in his
choice of vulnerable spots because
he may not hit below the belt.
The Japanese has no such
"quixotic" scruples. He would see
nothing outrageous in aiming a
paralysing blow at the instep of his
opponent's foot while both were
writhing on the floor. When one
considers that the opponent may
be employing a leg-breaking hold,
a foul blow does not seem such an
enormity.



ABIE HUMMEL

Henry "Abie" Hummel, a bakery
driver, changed his mind about claim-
ing the estate of the late Abe
Hummel, the millionaire lawyer, and
went to New York to begin a legal
fight for a fortune. Other relatives
of Hummel deny that the lawyer ever
had a son, but Henry says he has
proof.

Britons on Stamps.

No Englishman's portrait has
ever appeared on an English stamp.
Philatelic apothecosis has been left
to our colonial cousin or foreign
competitors (says a "Daily
Chronicle" writer). Greece mark-
ed the centenary of Lord Byron's
death at Missolonghi by issuing
two beautiful stamps. On the
indigo 80-lepta appeared the head
of the poet, whilst on the 2-
drachma—a large, handsome stamp
in purple and black—appeared an
engraving of his landing in re-
sponse to the invitation of Prince
Mavrocordato. Lord Nelson's
effigy appears on a set issued by
the Barbadoes authorities in 1906,
and is a representation of his
statue in their public park. The
values of these stamps range from
a farthing to a shilling, but you
have to pay about fifteen times
their face value if you wish to in-
clude them in your collection.
Newfoundland accorded Cabot a
whole issue of fourteen stamps in
1897, but his portrait appears only
on the 2-cents.

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